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NUCLEAR TERRORISM

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¶1. (SBU) On February 9, Deputy POL M/C delivered reftel points encouraging the ROK to consider becoming a partner nation of the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (Global Initiative) to Park Chul-min, MOFAT's Director of the Disarmament and Non-proliferation Division. Park said that last year during ROKG deliberations on whether to join the Proliferation Security Initiative, MOFAT had also considered the merits of the Global Initiative. From these discussions, Park said that he was favorably disposed to a ROKG endorsement of the Global Initiative. Still, he would have to consult with higher authorities to determine the ROKG's formal response.

¶2. (SBU) Park requested that the ROKG, as a potential partner country, be given a readout of the February 12-13 meeting in Turkey, which he said would aid ROKG deliberations. He also sought clarification on what form the written communication of ROKG endorsement of the Statement of Principles should be delivered to the USG and Russian Federation, meaning a Note Verbal or Diplomatic Note, if that was the ROKG formal decision. Finally, he inquired about the sentence in the Terms of Reference: "All the activities above will be conducted subject to available resources" to ask whether the "resources" implied financial, personnel, equipment or other.

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